## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI EASTERN DIVISION

MARY BAYES and PHILIP BAYES,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 4:13-cv-00800-SRC

BIOMET, INC., BIOMET ORTHOPEDICS, LLC, BIOMET U.S. RECONSTRUCTION, LLC, BIOMET MANUFACTURING, LLC f/k/a BIOMET MANUFACTURING CORP.,

Defendants.

## <u>DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR NEW TRIAL</u> OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, FOR REMITTITUR

As discussed in Biomet's contemporaneously filed motions, Biomet maintains that it is entitled to entry of judgment in its favor as to all of Plaintiffs' claims, either based on the verdict, *see* Biomet's Motion to Amend the Judgment, Dkt. 437, or as a matter of law notwithstanding the verdict, *see* Biomet's Renewed Motion for Judgment as a Matter of Law, Dkt. 439.

Should the Court deny Biomet's requests for a judgment in its favor, Biomet moves in the alternative for a new trial on all issues. As more fully set forth in Biomet's memorandum filed contemporaneously with this motion, this Court should grant Biomet a new trial based on the jury's inconsistent verdict and because the jury verdict for Plaintiffs on their claim of negligent design was against the weight of the evidence and resulted in a manifest injustice. Biomet is also entitled to a new trial based on the errors at trial, including but not limited to the erroneous omission of Biomet's affirmative converse jury instruction, misconduct by Plaintiffs' attorneys, and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the trial and the jury. In the alternative, Biomet

urges the Court to grant a new trial or a remittitur of the jury's grossly excessive award of \$21 million in compensatory damages to Plaintiffs.

WHEREFORE, if the Court denies Defendants' motion for judgment based on the verdict or as a matter of law, Defendants urge the Court in the alternative to grant them a new trial on all issues. Finally, again in the alternative, Defendants urge the Court to grant their motion for remittitur of the jury's excessive damage award of \$21 million.

Dated: December 18, 2020 /s/ John P. Mandler

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